TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 927 - HB 1484

March 11, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (005200): Authorizes county legislative bodies to utilize federal funding, as available, from the Department of Health (DOH) for the payment of medication for inmates who are HIV positive.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

Other Fiscal Impact – The extent and timing of any permissive decrease in local expenditures cannot reasonably be determined.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 41-4-115(a), the county legislative bodies alone have the power, and it is their duty, to provide medical attendance for all prisoners confined in the jail in their respective counties.
- Passage of the proposed legislation will authorize counties to utilize federal funding, as available, for the payment of medication for inmates who are HIV positive.
- According to the federal Health Resources and Services Administration, the state received approximately \$26,053,840 in FFY 2022 for the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part B.
- Based on information provided by the DOH, all Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part B federal funding the department currently receives is being utilized for HIV treatment, education, and prevention programs throughout the state.
- To the extent the DOH is awarded additional federal funding, any such funding would be available to counties for use in covering the cost of HIV medications for inmates. For any counties that utilize available federal funding, there will be a permissive decrease in local expenditures. The extent and timing of any such permissive decrease in local expenditures cannot be reasonably determined.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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